

October 17, 1952

Dear Dr. Weil:

Thank you for the Shigella cultures which have just arrived. Dr. G. C. Spicer has just arrived here, from the Central Public Health Laboratory at London, to work on a W.H.O. fellowship, and we expect to divide our time between Salmonella and Shigella genetics. If we should run into any difficulties, such as the roughness you mentioned, we will let you know.

Concerning Mr. Kennell, I should certainly think he should compete for a research assistantship award. If his qualifications include a good background in bacteriology or genetics, and the intellectual facilities for original research, he should stand a good chance. I am enclosing an application form, which should be returned directly to me, together with accessory documents, not later than January 15 next. I would appreciate being informed by that time whether or not he wishes to pursue this application.

I might say, lest there be some misapprehension about it, that my last student, the present Dr. Zinder, did his research in my laboratory while majoring in medical microbiology, and that similar arrangements can readily be made for students who have the zeal and ability to pursue such a program.

Yours sincerely,

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